

It is our hope that we could perhaps build on this little beginning from the other body and achieve some substantive legislative results in this very important area of public policy.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I wish to respond to the gentleman about the actions in the Senate, but it is my understanding that the House rules forbid us from addressing any individual in the Senate or in the manner it was brought up here. Is that not correct, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is the gentlewoman making a parliamentary inquiry?

Ms. PELOSI. Yes, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The rules of the House prevent Members from characterizing either action or inaction by a Senator or by the other body.

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the Speaker for that clarification.

Mr. Speaker, I would say to the majority leader, I think that if the package he was talking about that was this job creation package is the one that gave \$250 million back to Enron retroactively, then I think the public will understand why that is something that was unacceptable in a bipartisan way in this body.

I hope that we will be able to find bipartisan relief for those who have been caught in this recession, and the very least that we can do before we go off on a 13-day break is to complete action on 13 weeks of extended benefits for the workers, as the other body has done. I urge the majority to consider doing that next week before we leave.

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman. My final response would be that if indeed it was the violation of this body to do only the very least we could do, we would, in fact, take up the very least that was done by the other body. But it is our hope we can improve on that and actually do something that would be of real value in the real lives of really unemployed American citizens. We do not believe that we should content ourselves with doing only the very least we can do.

So we will try, in fact, to do something more, put together a bill that could be beneficial in people's lives, and hope that the other body could find some way to deal with it in a manner that would look something like legislative effectiveness.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, it may seem the least that we can do, but if you are out of work, these 13 weeks extended benefits make all the difference in the world. I agree, we should be doing much more.

In a matter of hours, maybe 72, of the tragedy in New York, we bailed out the airlines. That was important, it was necessary, and we had to do that. We did it with a promise, though, that relief for the workers in those industries would be on the way soon. Now we are months later, indeed into a new year, a new session of Congress, and we still do

not see action on behalf of the workers who lost their jobs, while we put billions in relief for the industry.

I further urge what may seem like the least, I am not talking about this as the total package, but as an absolute emergency measure for these families caught in this recession, I continue to urge the majority to take up the Senate bill ASAP, certainly before we go out on a 13-day break.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished majority leader for his information on the schedule.

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ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, February 8, 2002, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CON-
SIDERATION OF H.R. 1542, INTER-
NET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND
DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2001

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, today, a "Dear Colleague" letter was sent to all Members notifying them of an amendment filing deadline of 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 25, for Members wishing to offer amendments to H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001, which the distinguished majority leader just mentioned.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment by 4 p.m. on Monday, February 25, to the Committee on Rules upstairs in room H-312 in the Capitol.

Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, which is available on the Web sites of both the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that

their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with Rules of the House.

SUPPORT HATE CRIMES
LEGISLATION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, because of Enron hearings regarding the situation dealing with the Enron collapse, I will not be able to join my colleagues in advocating for a very important legislative initiative. I am here to enthusiastically support the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) as we look to pass the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2002, and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS), the ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Just this week we had an individual in my community who may have been viewed as being different and was murdered, and we are still looking to determine who killed Hugo Cesar Barajas and how he was killed, because he was different and because he had a different lifestyle. We must believe in everyone and support human dignity. I have asked for this to be investigated as a hate crime.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is imperative. We must pass this legislation now to provide dignity to all in this Nation.

HONORING DALE THOMPSON FOR
TEN YEARS OF SERVING THE
COMMUNITY OF FORT BAPTIST
CHURCH IN FORT SMITH, ARKAN-
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(Mr. BOOZMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a distinguished Member of the Northwest Arkansas community, Pastor Dale Thompson.

Dale Thompson is in the beginning of his 10th year of service at the First Baptist Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. At the age of 15, Dale began preaching and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1971 after graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University. While serving his first pastorate, Dale continued his studies and received his masters of Biblical Arts from Luther Rice University.

Dale has been helping people for the past 25 years as a pastor in Arkansas and Oklahoma; and since 1974, he has ministered at churches in the third district of Arkansas. He has served as a member of the executive board of the Arkansas State Convention and is the